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Mrs. John Addison Mathews, Jr.

Frazier, Mathews wed

Miss Anita Carole Frazier and Mr. John Addison Mathews, Jr., were united in marriage on July 28 at Mt. Olivet United Church of Christ in Elkton, Virginia.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frazier of Elkton, Virginia. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Addison Mathews, Sr., of Appomattox.

The Rt. Rev. A. Heath Light, Episcopal Bishop of the Southwestern Diocese of Virginia, was celebrant.

Miss Melynda Dovel, organist, and Mr. Ronald Short, soloist, provided a program of nuptial music.

Miss Mary Ann Cromer was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Melissa Burner, Mrs. Dorothy Deavers, Mrs. Bonnie Fellhoelter and Miss Joy Frazier.

Dr. John A. Mathews, Sr., was best man. Groomsmen were Michael L. Frailer, David M. Holzback III, Kenneth E. McNulty and Leonard D. Wagner.

Miss Carrilynn Greenwood was flower girl and Master James D. Greenwood, III, was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Radford College and the groom is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and is currently attending William and Mary.

The couple will make their home in Williamsburg.

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Ebbs, Roope will marry

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Ebbs of Spout Spring are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to David Carroll Roope, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Roope of Concord.

Miss Ebbs is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by Kay's Flower Creations.

Mr. Roope is also a graduate of Appomattox County High School. He is employed by Meredith Burda of Lynchburg.

The wedding is planned for Sept.15 at two o'clock in the afternoon in Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Family and friends are invited to attend.

Susan Marie Ebbs and David Carroll Roope

Franklin, Hipps will wed

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Franklin of Appomattox are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Yvonne to Randall Wayne Hipps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hipps of Pamplin.

Mr. Hippe is presently employed by Appomattox Rexall Drug Store and Miss Franklin is presently employed by Sears Roebuck Co. and The Clothesline.

The wedding will be held Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Piney Ridge United Methodist Church in Pamplin. Friends and relatives are all invited to attend the wedding. No invitations will be sent.

Diane Yvonne Franklin and Randall Wayne Hipps

Ayers, Irvin will wed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Ayers of Appomattox are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Connie Raye, to Roger Dale Irvin, the son of Mrs. Juanita Mitchell of Altavista and Mr. Charles Irvin of Richmond.

Miss Ayers is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by Burger King in Appomattox.

Mr. Irvin is also a graduate of Appomattox County High School. He is employed by Muller Chevrolet of Farmville.

The wedding will be held Sept. 29 at three o'clock at Bible Baptist Church in Appomattox.

Connie Raye Ayers

Friends and relatives are all invited.

Bryants announce birth

Ben and Janice Bryant are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Kay, born Tuesday, July 24 at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

She weighed eight pounds, twelve ounces and was 19 and one-fourth inches long.

Other children are Ginger, age 11, and Bennie, age 7.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Doss and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bryant.

Fosters announce birth

Walter and Grace Foster of Madison Heights announce the birth of their third son, Wallace James, born July 6, 1984 at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Their other sons are Walter, Jr. age four, and William, age two.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. (Jim) Ranson of Pamplin.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Pete) Foster of Gladys.

Shower honors couple

Miss Mary Jerman and Mr. William Perdue were given a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Perdue.

The shower was given by Sue Lawhorn and Dorothy Evans. Many relatives and friends of the couple attended.

A color scheme of blue and pink was carried out on the refreshment table.

The honoree received a corsage of blue and pink carnations. They received many nice and useful gifts.

Mary and William's marriage will take place on September 8 at 3 o'clock at Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox.

Celebrates 88th birthday

Mrs. Janie Chernault celebrated her 88th birthday on Sunday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Edna Anderson in Appomattox.

Among the 25 guests attending were her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a niece, Mrs. Lizzie Thompson.

Fergusons set reunion

The family of the late C. C. and Nannie Harris Ferguson will have their family reunion Sunday, Aug. 19 at the Appomattox Rescue Squad building.

Family and friends are invited to attend the reunion. Participants are asked to bring a picnic lunch, which will be served at 1 p.m.

Bloodmobile visit slated

The Bloodmobile will be in Appomattox on Tuesday, August 21, at Liberty Baptist Church.

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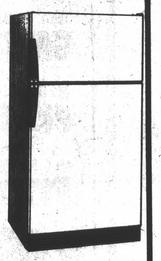

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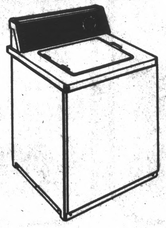

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Parker is elected VPA president

David M. Parker

David M. Parker, vice president, Atlantic Publications, Inc., Accomac, Va., was elected president of the Virginia Press Association, July 14, during the association's 102nd annual meeting. Atlantic Publications is the parent company of the Times-Virginian newspaper. Parker succeeds Thomas S. Wurie, editor of the Journal Newspapers Inc., Springfield, Va. Wurie will remain on the VPA board and executive committee.

Thomas T. Byrd, publisher of The Winchester Star, was elected president-elect of the association. William C. O'Donovan, editor and assistant publisher of The Virginia Gazette, Williamsburg, was elected vice-president. Horton P. Beirne, general manager of The Covington Virginian, was elected secretary.

Randall E. Brannon was named treasurer. Brannon is executive vice president of Loudoun Times Publishing Co., Inc. and The Clarke Courier Publishing Co., Inc. as well as vice president for sales and marketing for Arundel Communications (ArCom).

Three new directors were elected to the VPA board. They are Keith W. Mitchell, editor of the Emporia Independent-Messenger and general manager of the Emporia Publishing Company Inc.; Deb Chamberlin Roberts, general manager of The Reston Times; and Norman L. Freeman, general manager of The Daily Press, Inc., Newport News.

The following directors were re-elected: Perry Morgan, vice president and executive editor, Landmark Communications; Keith Stickley, general manager, Shenandoah Valley-Herald; and Robbie Tate, advertising director, The Coalfield Progress. D. Gregory Rocker, publisher, The Southwest Virginia Enterprise, was also re-elected. Rocker had been fulfilling an interim appointment for T. Patrick Cavanaugh.

Parker has served on several key VPA committee spots. He has been awards chairman twice, co-chairman of the advertising conference and of the promotion conference, and a member of the news committee. He has been a member of the board of directors since 1974 and has worked his way through the officer ranks to become president.

Parker, 40, is a native and lifelong resident of Onley on Virginia's Eastern Shore. He has a lengthy association with Atlantic Publications, Inc., which operates 20 weekly newspapers in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and North Carolina. During his tenure with Atlantic he has been a director of administration and public affairs, and director of news, editor and publisher of The Eastern Shore News, and former advertising manager, The Eastern Shore News. Parker is also a former reporter for The Daily Press, Newport News.

He is a member of the Onancock Rotary Club, where he is a past president and director; a charter board member and past chairman of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter Ducks Unlimited; past president and member of the Eastern Shore Jaycees; and past director of the Eastern Shore Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

A member of the Onley, Va.-Town Council since 1982, Parker will begin serving a term as mayor in September 1984. He is an active member of the Onley United Methodist Church.

Parker is married to the former Mary Esther Taylor of Chincoteague. They have a 14-year-old daughter, Kristin Anne (Kristi).

Frank D. Simmons, executive editor of The Daily Press Inc., Newport News, will leave the board as past president. Harvey L. Garrett, publisher, The Commercial Appeal, Danville, also completes his term on the board.

Virginia Press Association is the trade association for Virginia newspapers. Members include 33 daily newspapers, 96 weekly newspapers, and 89 associate and sustaining members.

For further information, contact Wanda Robertson, Virginia Press Association, Richmond, Va., (804) 648-8948.

Commemorative medals will be given

Commemorative medals will be presented to families of 54 Virginians still missing or otherwise unaccounted for in Southeast Asia at a ceremony at the State Capitol in Richmond on Saturday, Aug. 18, it was announced today.

The Virginia Congressional Delegation will conduct the ceremony on the South Portico at 1 p.m., under an authorization voted last year as part of the Defense Department Authorization Act.

Senator John W. Warner and Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel, dean of the delegation, said the medals will represent a continuing concern by the Nation for those whose fate has so far been undetermined.

Participating in the event, in addition to Members of Congress, will be representatives of various branches of the armed services, the Virginia National Guard, veterans organizations and state and local officials.

Included among the missing are 24 from the Air Force, 19 from the Navy, five from the Army, four from the Marines and two from the State Department. In all, 20 towns and cities in Virginia are represented.

The medals are being presented, under the direction of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate. Under the authorization, 2,489 medals will be presented nationwide.

Snell is 'Outstanding Young Man'

Anthony Cordell Snell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Snell of Evergreen, has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man Of America.

Snell "joins an elite group of young men from the entire United States who have demonstrated their excellence in professional endeavors and civic activities," according to a letter to the Snells from Doug Blankenship, chairman of the board of advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America program.

The OYMA program gives recognition to young men who have made outstanding contributions to their communities and their country. It is endorsed by the United States Jaycees.

Snell is a 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School. He received a BS degree in Urban Studies and Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of New York in Albany, N.Y.

He is currently employed with the Port Authority in New York, and is receiving training in the Public Affairs building in Washington, D.C.

Apply early for passports

The State Department is encountering its usual summer deluge of passport applications and prospective travelers are finding difficulty in securing passports in a timely manner.

Recently, the U.S District Court for Western Virginia stopped handling passport applications and responsibility was assumed by the U.S. Postal Service. Additionally, local clerks of court are processing larger numbers than ever before.

The office of Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel has announced that numerous requests for passport assistance are being received and efforts are being made to expedite applications in cases of emergency.

In addition to his Washington office, Congressman Daniel has offices at 301 Post Office Building, Danville, Virginia 24541 (804/792-1280), and in the Abbitt Federal Building, 103 South Main Street, Farmville, Virginia 23901, (804/392-8331).

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Letters to editor

Opposes 1945 bombing

Editor:

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower opposed the dropping of the bomb on Japan, Aug. 6, 1945. So did the head of the Army Air Force, Gen. Arnold.

Japan was out of gasoline. American planes and submarines had sunk all her oil tankers except little wooden ones. Japan has no oil. She had run out of aluminum for planes.

The emperor had convinced the military leaders Japan could no longer fight. This was known in Washington.

Eisenhower and Gen. Arnold were not the only ones opposing use of the bomb on Japan. I give special mention to Admiral William Leahey, adivsor to the President on military affairs; Undersecretary of War John McCloy; and Joseph Grew, the Undersecretary of State, and for many years our ambassador in Japan; and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Why was the bomb dropped? It saved few American lives, if any. There was no military reason for it. What were the non-military motivations?

Perhaps we can find a clue in a fact about Truman which was first revealed in January 1960 by the late Senator Jackson in an interview with Time Magazine. In 1946 the U.S. and England had withdrawn their troops from Iran, but Russia had not followed suit. Jackson said Truman told him he summoned Soviet Ambassador Gromyko to the White House. Truman told Gromyko that Soviet troops should evacuate Iran within 48 hours or the U.S. would use the new superbomb that it alone possessed. "We're going to drop it on you", Jackson quoted Truman saying. They moved in less than 24 hours.

Was Truman signaling to the Russians that Hiroshima had proved that U.S. could boss the world?

Can two groups which are scared to death of each other shake off their fears enough to live in peace?

I don't know.

But clearly it can do no harm for us Americans to face the facts about Hiroshima.

Sincerely,
Haven Perkins
Louisa, Virginia

Berkis speaks out

Editor:

The munitions dept. crippled serious by the capacity of the Soviet Union's northern fleet and killed at least 200 navy personnel. It is not surprising that the Soviet authorities keep a silence about their greatest military disaster after World War II.

The shooting down of an unarmed Korean airliner, the mass murders of the civilian population including women and children in Afganistan, instigating and supporting war in Central America and deporting the inhabitants of the Soviet Union to slave labor camps show us that lives of men are the cheapest things in the Soviet Union. Many crimes committed against humanity show us that the government of the Soviet Union does not belong to civilized governments.

Since the explosions in the Soviet Union were caused by a gross negligence of duty, it is obvious that the Russian Communists are not capable to engage in any major war in spite of all kinds of threats which are expressed by their government. Therefore, the policies of President Reagan to maintain peace through strength and provide the U.S. military forces with modern nuclear weapons should be supported by all means.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Alexander V. Berkis

Seeking information

Editor:

I am seeking information concerning several ancestors from the Revolutionary War era and the early 1800's. I have some information on these persons that I shall be happy to share with others who have a common interest. Should you have any knowledge concerning the following persons please contact me.

Joel Watkins: married Rhoda Gresham in Prince Edward County in 1752. Particularly interested in information concerning his sisters, Susannah, Mary, Elizabeth, Jaen (Jane) and the possibility of others. These are the children of Thomas Watkins of Swift Creek, Powhatan County.

Gresham Lee: lived in Buckingham County from 1773 until his death, which occurred between 1820 and 1830 in that county.

Guy S. Lee: born in Buckingham County and died 1861 in Appomattox County.

Owen F. Godsey: born around 1810 in Buckingham County or Prince Edward County and died between 1860 and 1870 in Appomattox County. He married Martha E. Durham (Durrum).

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Sincerely,
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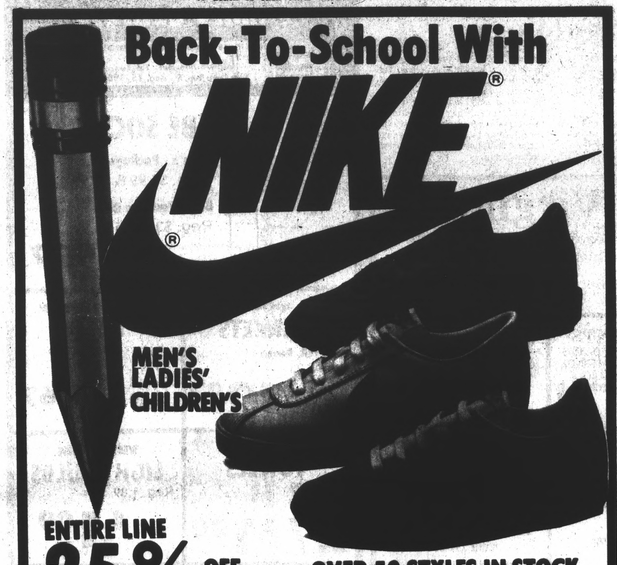

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